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## UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

### FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

BRUCE THORNS,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

v.

R. A. DAVIS, Lieutenant Officer of Calipatria State Prison; et al.,

Defendants - Appellees.

No. 10-55495

D.C. No. 3:07-cv-00218-H-AJB

MEMORANDUM\*

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of California Marilyn L. Huff, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted December 19, 2011\*\*

Before: GOODWIN, WALLACE, and McKEOWN, Circuit Judges.

Bruce Thorns, a California state prisoner, appeals pro se from the district court's judgment following a jury trial in his 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action alleging, among other claims, that defendants used excessive force against him. We have

<sup>\*</sup> This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291. We review for an abuse of discretion a district court's evidentiary rulings. *Harper v. City of Los Angeles*, 533 F.3d 1010, 1030 (9th Cir. 2008). We affirm.

The district court did not abuse its discretion with respect to exhibit RRR where it ordered defendants to redact Thorns's prior offenses from the exhibit immediately upon Thorns's objection and before entering the exhibit into evidence. See McEuin v. Crown Equip. Corp., 328 F.3d 1028, 1032 (9th Cir. 2003) ("To reverse on the basis of an evidentiary ruling, this Court must conclude both that the district court abused its discretion and that the error was prejudicial."); see also United States v. Sangrey, 586 F.2d 1312, 1315 (9th Cir. 1978) (no abuse of discretion for not giving a limiting instruction where no party asked for one).

We lack jurisdiction to consider Thorns's contentions concerning the district court's order denying his motion to vacate the judgment because Thorns did not file an amended notice of appeal within thirty days from entry of that order. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 4(a)(4).

We do not consider matters not specifically and distinctly raised and argued in the opening brief, nor arguments and allegations raised for the first time on appeal. *See Padgett v. Wright*, 587 F.3d 983, 985 n.2 (9th Cir. 2009) (per curiam).

### AFFIRMED.

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